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Special National Intelligence Estimate - Brazil

Datus Proper told me that your office would like some additional information concerning Pete Vaky's request for a SNIE on Brazil.

I believe Pete's request to you of January 10 grew out of the IRG meeting we had on Brazil on January 8. There was a wide-ranging discussion of Brazil with several representatives of our Embassy present, including DCM William Belton, who is now Charge. As that meeting was closing Sam Lewis, of the White House staff, asked that it not be adjourned until the representative from CIA, Bill Broe, could express his views about the current situation in Brazil, particularly with respect to the true power structure in the country at the present time. I believe that Sam's question grew out of a discussion in which Minister Belton and others were repeatedly indicating that the political situation in Brazil was unstable and "murky".

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Chairman Vaky then adjourned the meeting.

I don't know if Pete talked any further with Bill Broe or Sam Lewis following the meeting, but I believe his memo to you of January 10 grew out of this IRG discussion. I don't know really what more I can add by way of background. It seems to me that the big question mark in Brazil at the present time is the one that Pete raises: what is the real power structure in the country? Maybe we don't know, but I have seen a number of messages from the field reporting bits and pieces that, it seems to me, could be pulled together in one overall paper.

In my absence, Datus Proper prepared a memorandum from me to you suggesting specific topics on which a SNIE for Brazil could usefully focus and, at my specific request, a second draft memo

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to you from me was prepared. I am attaching copies of both of these, not because I think they should represent the precise terms of reference for the SNIE, but because I think they might be of some help to you in determining them.

Attachments:

Draft Memoranda (2)

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